

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New York
COUNTY: Erie
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE FEB 12 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:

Macedonia Baptist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Michigan Street Baptist Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

511 Michigan Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Buffalo

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

37

Rep.: Thaddeus J. Dulski

STATE

CODE

COUNTY:

CODE

New York

36

Erie

029

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☒ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Macedonia Baptist Church

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511 Michigan Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Buffalo

STATE:

New York

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Erie County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Buffalo

STATE

New York

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

☐ Federal

☐ State

☒ County

☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☒ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Conspicuously well-tended and maintained, the Michigan Street Baptist Church stands on the east side of Michigan Avenue in a decaying area of Buffalo, long-proposed to be cleared.

The Church is brick painted red. It is rectangular in layout set on a high foundation with a square apse projecting at the east end, and at the west end an enclosed entrance has been added in the last twenty-five years. This entrance replaced an earlier arrangement with a double flight of stairs leading up to an arched doorway which opened directly on the upper or principal level. The new entranceway, also arched, opens onto a flight of interior steps which lead upstairs to the sanctuary.

The building is two bays long on the north and south sides. The tall windows have stone sills and some are filled with stained glass with aluminum framing. The two front (west) windows have arched tops, and they are slightly inset in large rectangular panels trimmed at the top with a dentilled row of bricks, the only decorative note on the very simple, stark facade.

Centered between the two front windows over the added entrance bay is a stone plaque inscribed "Michigan Street Baptist Church-1845". Above the plaque is a small circular window. The low-pitched roof has no cornice. There are two chimneys; one at the west end and one between the two windows on the north side.

On the interior the Church is essentially one large space with an altar raised on a platform in front of the semi-circular apse which is encircled by six free-standing columns. The cream-color painted walls and the randomly ordered panes of pale stained glass give a prevailing warmth and lightness to the Church interior, sobered only by the rows of darker painted pews which are original to the building. A choir balcony extends across the west end of the room and is reached by stairs in the front entrance. The electric lights have been installed at various times in the twentieth century.

Earlier photographs show a building almost flush with the north wall of the church. This house and the next one (#521, lived in by Mary B. Talbert) have been demolished and the lot is used for church parking.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☒ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1845

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☒ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☒ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ ScienceBlack history☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☒ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

An activist institution since its inception during the Abolition Movement of the 1830's and 1840's, the Michigan Street Baptist Church has played a central role in Buffalo's Black community for 125 years.

In the second quarter of the nineteenth century Buffalo's free Black residents began to form a closely knit society concentrated in the Michigan-William Street area on the eastern fringe of the downtown commercial district. Hardly a recognized ethnic element at this time, the Negro population of the entire city numbered around 350 when the Michigan Street Baptist Church was built in 1845.¹ Some Blacks who were domestic servants lived scattered throughout the city, but the majority listed in the 1840 census lived within two wards east of the central business district. A sociological study made by Niles Carpenter in 1927 shows that Buffalo's relatively small and cohesive Negro population continued to live and expand in the same area of the city at the end of the first quarter of the twentieth century. At this time, Carpenter found that Blacks only numbered less than 1% of the total population of Buffalo unlike similar northern industrial cities such as Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago where they were over 4% of the population.² The key role of "the church" as not only a spiritual but a social institution among Blacks in Buffalo is underscored in the Carpenter study. The interviewers found that "going to Church and 'visiting with friends'" was the standard reply to questions about family recreation,³ and the study concluded that:

The Negro in Buffalo still lives his social life largely within his own group and his chief interests lie mainly in the home and church. Through these mediums his best social interests and group unity will be furthered.⁴

By the time of the Carpenter study, Buffalo had 15 Black churches but the most prominent, influential and enduring one was the Michigan Street Baptist Church.⁵ Here a Baptist congregation was formed around 1837 during a significant period of

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SE	0			0					
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Cornelia E. Brooke, Research Assistant with material submitted by
 ORGANIZATION **the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society** DATE **October 1973**
New York State Division for Historic Preservation
 STREET AND NUMBER:
South Swan Street Building
 CITY OR TOWN: **Albany** STATE **New York** CODE **36**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name

Alexander Aldrich

Title

State Historic
Preservation Officer

Date

November 9, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. D. Wooten

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

7/12/74

ATTEST:

Wm. M. Smith

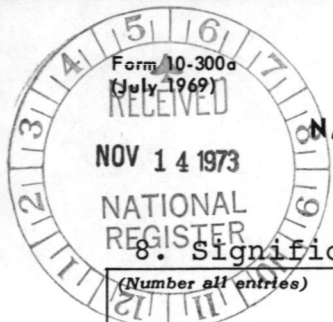
Keeper of The National Register

Date

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Baptist church history, when it was laying the network for a popularly based Abolition Movement. Between 1834 and 1835 three western New York Baptist associations (the Genesee Congregation Consociation, the Genesee Baptist Association in Batavia and the Holland Purchase Baptist Association in Buffalo) made unprecedented recorded resolutions labelling slavery as a sin thereby breaking new ground in committing the Church to the Abolition Crusade.⁶

An abolitionist undertone is evident in the newspaper article of February 28, 1846 announcing the opening of the newly constructed Michigan Street Baptist Church to which "all friendly to the cause are particularly requested to attend."⁷

Claims that the Church was the final stop for fugitive slaves en route to Canada during the Civil War are possible and yet undocumented, however the Church remained a great center of Negro activity throughout the period and was sustained by the doubling of the Black population in Buffalo between 1840 and 1870. On the day of the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment in 1870 granting Negroes the right to vote, a celebration procession is said to have gathered at the steps of the Michigan Street Baptist Church and marched through the city street winding up with a festive dinner at St. James Hall.

At the turn of the century two compelling community figures became associated with the Michigan Street Baptist Church and contributed greatly to the politicization of Buffalo's Blacks. The first was the Rev. Dr. J. Edward Nash (1868-1957) who became pastor of the church in the 1890's and remained there for 61 years during which time he was instrumental in founding the Buffalo Urban League and the local branch of the N.A.A.C.P. In 1953 Potter Street behind the Church was renamed Nash Street in his honor, and the National Conference of Christians and Jews presented him its annual Brotherhood Award in the field of human relations. During the span of Nash's leadership, Buffalo's Black population mushroomed from 1,805 in 1900 to 74,813 in 1960, and the Michigan-William Street enclave expanded displacing the German and Jewish sections of the city to the north and east.

The second prominent figure associated with the Michigan Street Baptist Church was Mary B. Talbert, a neighbor and an active parishioner. Her house was at 521 Michigan Avenue, two doors away from the church (now demolished and part of its parking lot), and here on July 1905 the Buffalo newspapers⁸ reported

"Colored men from eighteen different states held a national conference at No. 521 Michigan Street yesterday, adopting resolutions looking

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forward to the betterment of the race and the abolition of all caste distinctions based simply on race and color. It is called the "Niagara Movement." Prof. W. E. DuBois of Atlanta, Georgia, author of The Souls of Black Men, prepared the principles of the Movement.

The delegates apparently met in several places in the course of the week including the Buffalo home of Mrs. Anna Lee and the Fort Erie Beach Hotel across the river in Fort Erie, Canada which W.E.B. DuBois refers to in his autobiography.¹⁰ Although no documented link has been found between Rev. Nash of the Michigan Street Baptist Church and W.E.B. DuBois, Nash's subsequent career bore out DuBois' spirit and initiative with his involvement in the Buffalo N.A.A.C.P. and Urban League.

Thus in the heart of Buffalo's Black enclave the highpoints and setbacks of the past century's Civil Rights movement have been harbored within the simple brick exterior of the Michigan Street Baptist Church from which the most respected community leadership has emanated.

¹Approximate figure based on 1840 census rolls.

²Niles Carpenter "Nationality, Color & Economic Opportunity in the City of Buffalo", University of Buffalo, 1927.

³Carpenter, p. 178.

⁴Carpenter, p. 179.

⁵Of all the Buffalo Churches listed in the 1905 City Directory the Michigan Street Baptist Church is the only one specified as "colored".

⁶Whitney Cross, The Burned Over District. Cornell University Press: 1950, p. 219.

⁷Buffalo Morning Express, February 28, 1846.

⁸The Buffalo Commercial, July 12, 1905.
The Buffalo Enquirer, July 12, 1905.

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10 W.E.B. DuBois Autobiography, International Publisher, 1968,
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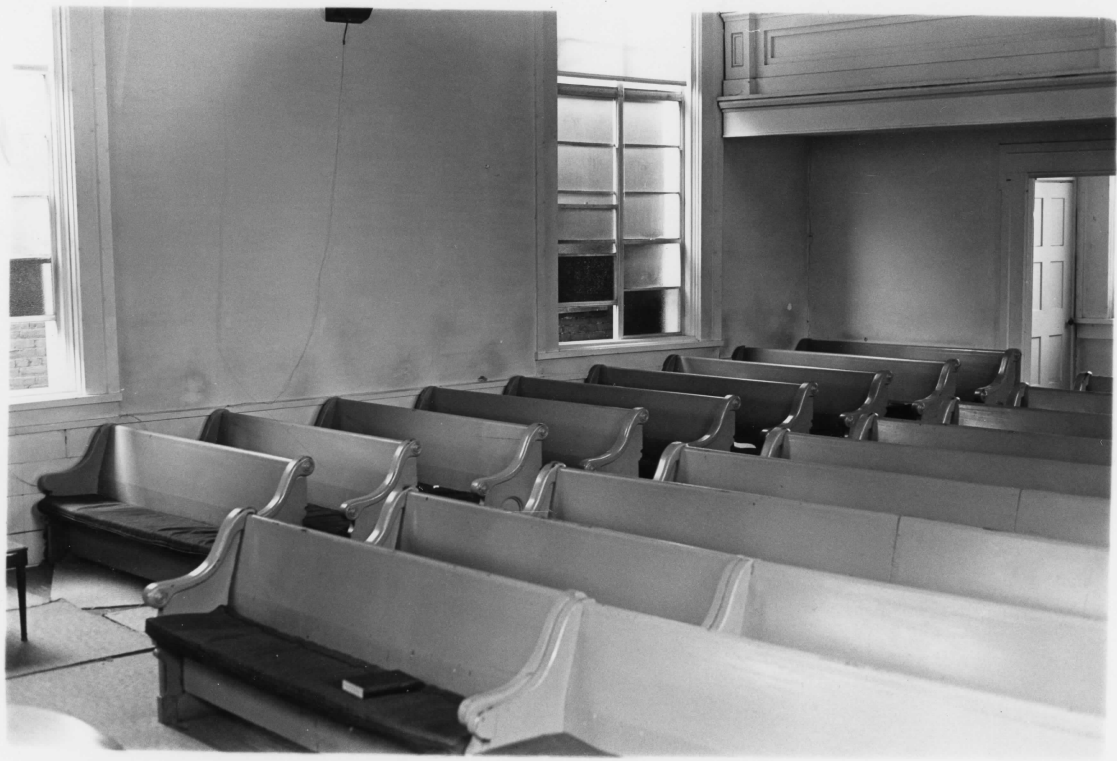
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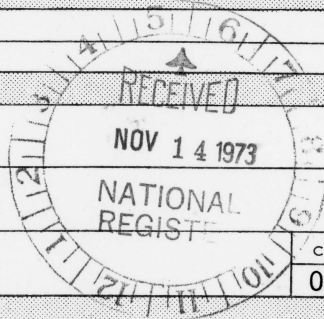
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Michigan Street Baptist Church

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511 Michigan Ave
Buff, N.Y.

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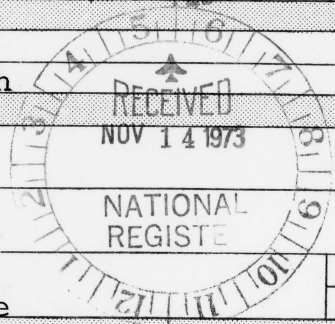
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View looking East at altar alcove in interior.			

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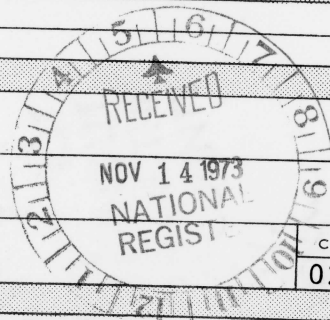
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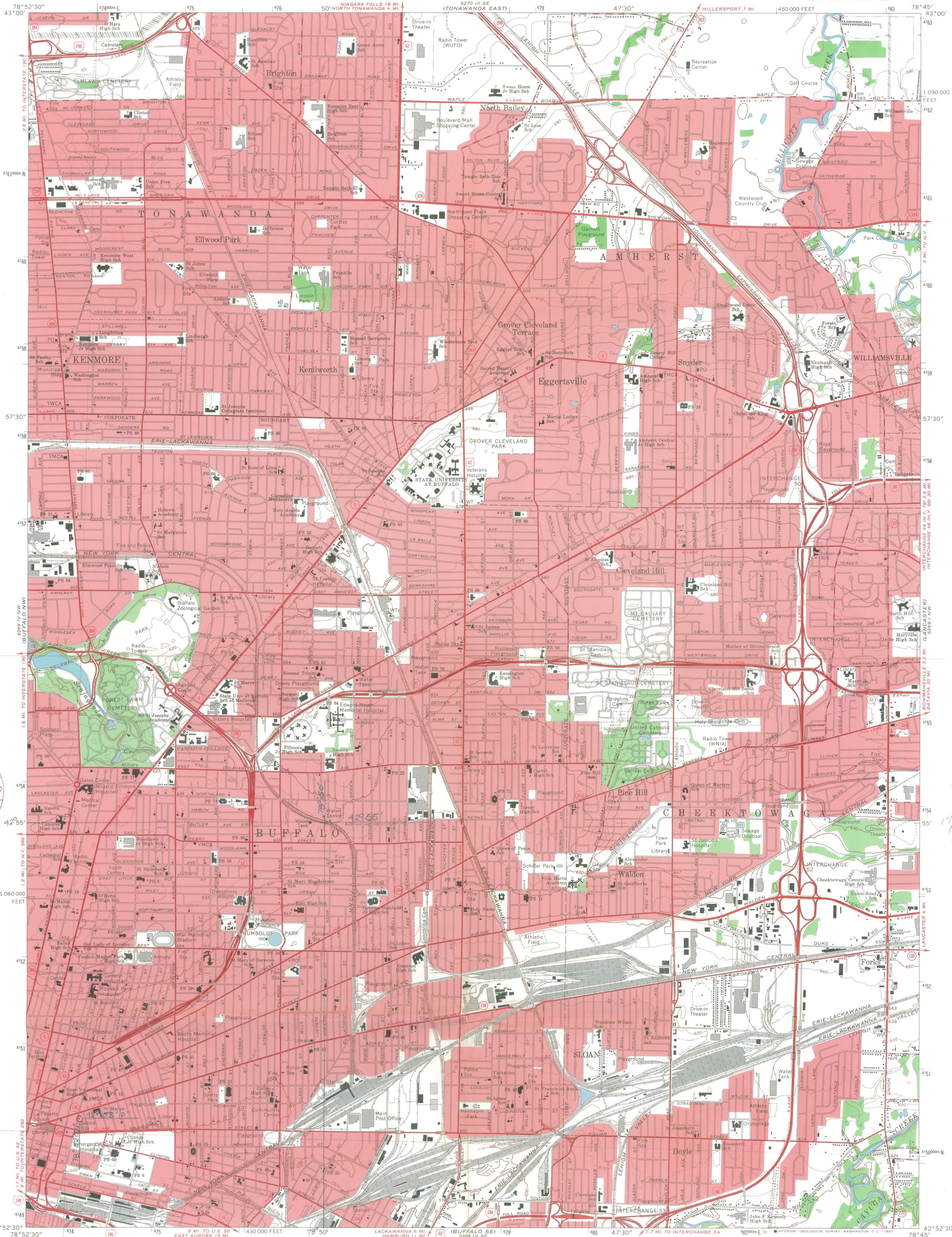
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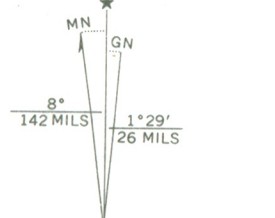
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Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
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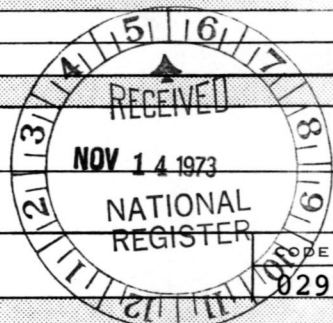
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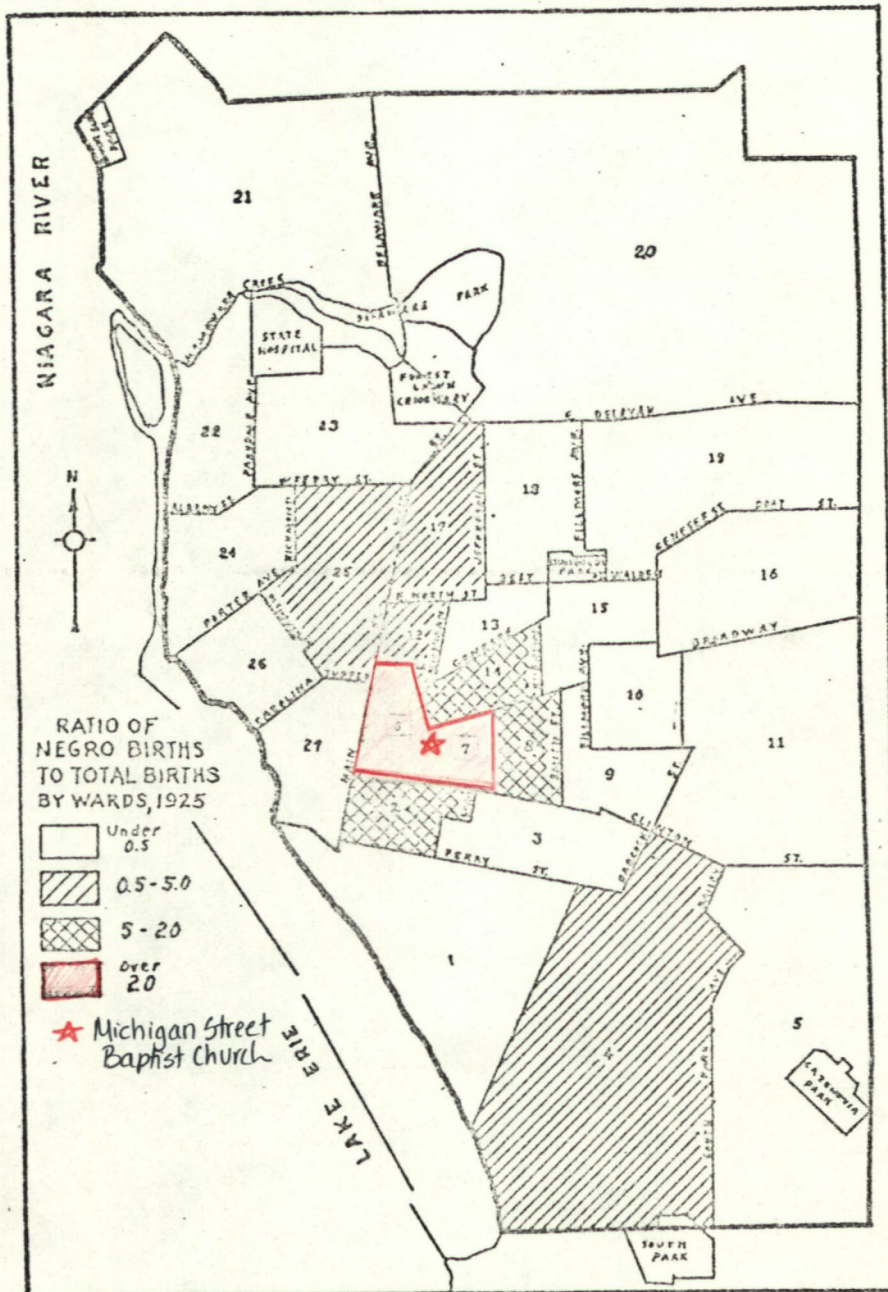
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Map showing the Black section of
Buffalo around the Michigan Street
Church.



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MAP 2
Percentage of Negro to White Births, by Wards, 1925



The data for this Map were furnished by the Buffalo Foundation and the Buffalo Department of Health.





NEW YORK STATE PARKS & RECREATION South Swan Street Bldg. South Mall, Albany, New York 12223 Information 518 474-0456
Alexander Aldrich, Commissioner

November 9, 1973

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As the State Historic Preservation Officer, I am forwarding the enclosed nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

Macedonia Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York, Erie County

The above nomination has been reviewed and approved by the Committee on the Registers in accordance with the criteria outlined in Section 2.2 of the Grants Guide.

The staff of the New York State Division for Historic Preservation, the officially designated Preservation Agency, would welcome the opportunity to discuss this submission with your office.

Sincerely,

ALEXANDER ALDRICH
State Historic Preservation
Officer



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **NEW YORK**

Date Entered **FEB 12 1974**

Name

Location

Fairchild Mansion

**Oneonta
Otsego County**

Macedonia Baptist Church

**Buffalo
Erie County**

Also Notified

**Hon. Jacob K. Javits
Hon. James L. Buckley
Hon. James M. Hanley
Hon. Thaddeus J. Dulski**

**State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Alexander Aldrich, Commissioner
Parks and Recreation
Room 303, South Swan Street Building
Albany, New York 12223**

Director, North Atlantic Region

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Honorable Jacob K. Javits
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Erie

Dear Senator Javits:

The Office of Congressional Liaison has asked me to thank you for your letter in behalf of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, New York, concerning preservation of the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church.

We are pleased to advise you that the church, under the name Macedonia Baptist Church, was entered in the National Register on February 12.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official schedule of the Nation's cultural property that is worthy of preservation. Established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is a protective inventory of irreplaceable resources across the country. Enclosed is a leaflet which describes the National Register program.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Allen Connally

Associate

Director

Enclosure

Constituent's letter returned

cc:

Mr. Alexander Aldrich
Commissioner, Parks and
Recreation

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June 18, 1974

Honorable Jacob K. Javits
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Javits:

The Office of Congressional Liaison has asked me to acknowledge your inquiry in behalf of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, New York, concerning preservation of the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald H. Walker
Director

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United States Senate

June 10, 1974

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Congressional Liaison
Department of Interior

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By direction of

Jacob K. Javits ----- U. S. S.

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BUFFALO, May 10 1974

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby Certify, That at a Session of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, held in the City Hall, on the 7th day of May 1974, a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

Interior

No. 184.

By Mr. Arthur:

Re: Michigan Avenue
Baptist Church

WHEREAS, The Landmark Society of the Niagara Frontier, a Non-Profit Regional and Educational Organization whose sole purpose is to preserve the architectural and historical heritage of the Niagara Frontier, and

WHEREAS, Said Landmark Society has undertaken various efforts to preserve historical sites in the City of Buffalo, and

WHEREAS, This House of Worship that was known during that era as the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, and is one of the most beloved shrines in the City of Buffalo, and

WHEREAS, The adventurous career connected with this edifice as documented throughout the history of this country as the last link for many slaves and their flight from bondage to freedom, and

WHEREAS, There does not exist at the present time any landmarks to commemorate the Christian service and dedication that was performed in this House of Worship whose only goal was to see that every man, woman, and child was free to benefit from our constitutional rights, and

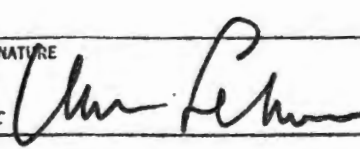
WHEREAS, This historical building has stood in the midst of our city for over the last 100 years and We, the citizens of this city have not paid due homage and honor to the great work that it carried out,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT, This Common Council request that the Landmark Society of the Niagara Frontier take any and every step that is necessary to preserve and adequately designate this House of Worship as one of the truly historical monuments of the City of Buffalo and report back to this Council what steps they have taken, and

THAT, A copy of this resolution be sent to all area Congressmen and United States Senators so that they may introduce the appropriate legislation in Washington requesting the National Historical Society to take whatever steps that are necessary to pay honors to this great site in the City of Buffalo.

Adopted.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION		a. NUMBER HP78-5003		3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER		a. NUMBER	
1. TYPE OF ACTION (Mark appropriate box) ☐ PREAPPLICATION ☒ APPLICATION ☐ NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (Opt.) ☐ REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION		Leave Blank		b. DATE Year month day 19 78 06 28		b. DATE Year month day ASSIGNED 19			
4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT						5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO. 14-6013200			
a. Applicant Name : NYS Office of Parks & Recreation b. Organization Unit : Division for Historic Preservation c. Street/P.O. Box : Agency Bldg. #1, Empire State Plaza d. City : Albany e. County : Albany f. State : New York g. ZIP Code: 12238 h. Contact Person (Name & telephone No.) : Orin Lehman (518) 474-0443						6. PRO-GRAM (From Federal Catalog) a. NUMBER 1 5 9 0 4 b. TITLE National Historic Preservation Act of 1966			
7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT Macedonia Baptist Church, Buffalo, Erie County, New York (AKA 1845 Michigan Avenue Baptist Church). Preservation to include masonry repair, painting materials & 1 project sign. The Macedonia Baptist Church has been an activist institution since its inception during the abolition movement of the 1830's & the 1840's. Built in 1845 by a congregation of free blacks, the simple, brick structure (Cont'd Sect. IV)						8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT A-State H-Community Action Agency B-Interstate I-Higher Educational Institution C-Substate J-Indian Tribe D-County K-Other (Specify): E-City F-School District G-Special Purpose District Enter appropriate letter ☒ A			
10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, States, etc.) Erie County						11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING 1,113,491		9. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE A-Basic Grant D-Insurance B-Supplemental Grant E-Other C-Loan Enter appropriate letter(s) ☒ A	
13. PROPOSED FUNDING a. FEDERAL \$ 1,100 .00 b. APPLICANT 1,100 .00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 2,200 .00						14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. APPLICANT 37 b. PROJECT 37		12. TYPE OF APPLICATION A-New C-Revision E-Augmentation B-Renewal D-Continuation Enter appropriate letter ☒ A	
15. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 12a or 12e) A-Increase Dollars F-Other (Specify): B-Decrease Dollars C-Increase Duration D-Decrease Duration E-Cancellation Enter appropriate letter(s) ☐ ☐ ☐						16. PROJECT START DATE Year month day 19 See #34 9/30/80 Months			
17. PROJECT DURATION Year month day 19 78 06 28						18. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY			
20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST (Name, City, State, ZIP code) U.S. Dept. of Interior, Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service, 20240 Washington D.C.						21. REMARKS ADDED ☒ Yes ☐ No			
22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT		a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, data in this preapplication/application are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is approved. (1) NYS Clearinghouse (2) (3)				b. If required by OMB Circular A-95 this application was submitted, pursuant to instructions therein, to appropriate clearinghouses and all responses are attached: No responses ☒ ☐ Response attached ☐ ☐			
23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE		a. TYPED NAME AND TITLE Orin Lehman State Historic Preservation Officer		b. SIGNATURE 		c. DATE SIGNED Year month day 19 78 6 29			
24. AGENCY NAME Department of the Interior						25. APPLICATION RECEIVED Year month day 19 78 7 13			
26. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service						27. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE Grants Administration Div.			
29. ADDRESS 18th and C Streets NW, Washington, D.C. 20240						30. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION 36-8941			
31. ACTION TAKEN		32. FUNDING		33. ACTION DATE		34. STARTING DATE			
☒ a. AWARDED ☐ b. REJECTED ☐ c. RETURNED FOR AMENDMENT ☐ d. DEFERRED ☐ e. WITHDRAWN		a. FEDERAL \$ 1,100 .00 b. APPLICANT 1,100 .00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 2,200 .00		Year month day 19 78 8 23		Year month day 19 78 8 1			
35. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Name and telephone number) Stephen D. Newman 202 523-5472						36. ENDING DATE Year month day 19 80 9 30			
37. REMARKS ADDED ☐ Yes ☒ No									
38. FEDERAL AGENCY ACTION		a. In taking above action, any comments received from clearinghouses were considered. If agency response is due under provisions of Part 1, OMB Circular A-95, it has been or is being made.				b. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL (Name and telephone no.) Same as #35			

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